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LARGE SCALE REFORMS IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of large scale reforms in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to Rajasthan/Maharashtra by the Union Government for implementing reforms in the power sector during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Power Sector reform is an ongoing process. Several States (viz. Orissa,Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh andDelhi) have initiated reforms by enacting their own State Electricity Reform laws which provide, inter alia, for unbundling/corporatisation of SEBs, setting up of SERCs etc.The SEBs of Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan havebeen unbundled/corporatised. Twenty one States viz., Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, Goa,Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Uttaranchal have either constituted or notified the constitution of State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC).Twelve SERCs (Orissa, AndhraPradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Delhi,Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal) have issued tariff orders.

The Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with twenty-one States. The MoUs are a joint commitment of the Centre and the States to undertake reforms in a time bound manner. The State Governments` commitment in these MoUs include constitution/operationalisation of SERCs, 100%metering of 11 KV feeders and all consumers, energy audit, reduction of technical and commercial losses, achievement of commercial viability in distribution etc. Government of India has committed its support through additional allocation of power from Central Generating Stations and financial assistance through Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) for strengthening of sub-transmission and distributionas well as for renovation and modernization of thermal and hydel power plants.

(c) : The Government of India under its Accelerated Power Development andReform Programme (APDRP) is providing financial assistance to the State ElectricityBoards for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution systems in the countryincluding the State of Maharashtra and Rajasthan.The financial assistance sanctioned to the State of Maharashtra & Rajasthan under this programme during the financial year 2000-2001 and 2002-2003 are as under :-

Sl.No.	Year	State	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1.	2000-01	Maharashtra	90.21 crores each as grant & loan
2.	2002-03		45 crores
3.	2000-01	Rajasthan	22.50 crores each as grant & loan
4.	2002-03		28.40 crores.

In addition to this Rajasthan is also getting financial assistance through World Bank for reform. PFC is also supplementing the efforts of the States including Maharashtra and Rajasthan by providing financial assistance for reforms.